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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-11	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability	(IA) Claims	1-11	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This report makes reference to the following documents:

- D1: US 2003/222038 A1 (COLLIER JAMES P) 4
 December 2003 (2003-12-04)
- 1. Independent claim 1:

D1, which is regarded as the closest prior art, discloses (entire document) a similar device, from which the subject matter of claim 1 differs in that in the former, each of the lower ends of the two vertical supports is bent to form a base such that the vertical supports are approximately centered over the surfaces of the bases, and all of the previously mentioned parts are bent from one pipe.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 5 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem to be solved by the present invention can be regarded as that of providing a device for drying and storing sports

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equipment, for example for ice hockey players, which can be manufactured in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

A person skilled in the art cannot directly derive the feature "each of the lower ends of the two vertical supports is bent to form a base such that the vertical supports are approximately centered over the surfaces of the bases, and all of the previously mentioned parts are bent from one pipe" from the cited prior art. The above feature is not an obvious possibility from which a person skilled in the art would choose according to the circumstances in order to solve the problem of interest.

2. Dependent claims 2-11:

These claims are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.